



Town of Zebulon

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Community Recycling Day

The Town of Zebulon hosted a Community Recycling Day on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Zebulon Municipal Complex. During the event, residents dropped off the following items:

- 5,332 pounds of electronic equipment
- 361 gallons of paint
- 20 tires
- 5 white goods

- 16 pounds of batteries
- 59 gallons of motor oil and antifreeze
- 16 fluorescent lamps

The Community Recycling Day was funded by a Commercial Waste Reduction Grant from Wake County. The Town of Zebulon received approximately \$5,000 in our effort to promote the reduction of hazardous waste in landfills. The elimination of these items from area landfills will improve soil quality and reduce toxins in our natural waters.

For more information about the Community Recycling Day or recycling in Zebulon, please call Zebulon Public Works at 919/269-5285.

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From the Fireside

Ever wonder why firefighters respond when the ambulance is called? Maybe you thought firefighters were only supposed to put out fires. Firefighters do put out fires but they also provide medical responder service.

Wake County started this program so that any citizen in Wake County would receive immediate response in the event of a medical emergency. The county EMS units could have more calls than they could answer at times, therefore being delayed in answering an emergency medical response call. The firefighters were trained to provide that immediate response level of care until EMS personnel arrived on the scene. The firefighters were first trained at the Wake County first responder level and then a few years ago the level of medical service was upgraded to a state certification.

It is not unusual to see a fire vehicle and an ambulance arrive at the scene of a call at the same time. One of the reasons for this is that it has been determined that a life threatening condition may exist and both are dispatched to provide the most immediate assistance possible. Firefighters can start providing emergency care, get vital signs, give oxygen, perform CPR and other support until the EMS unit gets on the scene. The firefighters will continue to assist the EMS personnel at the scene, if needed. With over 60 percent of our calls being medical related calls the Zebulon Fire Department spends much of its time as the first responder.

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BUDGET UPDATE

The Town of Zebulon Board of Commissioner adopted the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget at the June 6 meeting, following a public hearing. The General Fund budget totaled \$8,084,000 and included the following projects and programs:

- Completion of a Unified Development Ordinance
- Continuation of the express commuter bus service
- The hiring of three additional firefighters through a fully-funded two-year federal grant program
- Street resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, and paving at Whitley Park
- Continued cooperation with Wendell, Knightdale and Rolesville to operate East Wake TV

The most significant change to the Town's operations will be the implementation of a stormwater management program. This program, mandated by federal and state regulations, was designed to prevent and detect improper stormwater runoff and erosion. The Town will add two full-time positions to operate this program. In order to offset some of the costs of the program, a monthly fee of \$2.24 will be included with the solid waste fee on utility bills beginning in July.

The Town's tax rate for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 will be 50¢ per \$100 of assessed value, which remains unchanged for the third year in a row. The tax base continues to decrease as the residential housing market has not yet recovered from the recession.

Beginning in July, the solid waste and recycling fee will increase from \$17.00 to \$17.76 per month. This fee change accounts for increased costs in bulk

item and white goods pickup and billing and collection costs.

In 2006, the Town merged its water, sewer and reclaimed water operation with the City of Raleigh. Per the merger agreement, Zebulon customers continue to pay a higher rate until pre-existing debt costs and Zebulon-specific project costs are paid. Water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 are as follows:

- Water Service Administrative Charge -- \$12.81
- Water Consumption Rate (per 1,000 gallons used) -- \$6.72
- Sewer Service Administrative Charge -- \$13.04
- Sewer Consumption Rate (per 1,000 gallons water used) -- \$6.15
- Reclaimed Water Administrative Charge -- \$5.76
- Reclaimed Water Consumption Rate (per 1,000 gallons used) -- \$2.99

Changes in the utility, garbage and stormwater rates will be reflected on your City of Raleigh bills starting in July.

If you would like to see a full copy of the budget, including all changes to the Town's fees, please stop by Town Hall at 1003 North Arendell Avenue or visit the Finance Department's page on our Website, www.townofzebulon.org.

If you have specific questions about your water and sewer accounts they should be directed to the City of Raleigh (919/890-3245).

Revenues
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Zebulon Parks & Recreation Programs

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Weekly Summer Camps \$60 per camp

- Girls Volleyball: July 11th-14th
- Tennis Camp (ages 5-8): July 11th-14th
- Girl's Fast-Pitch Softball: July 18th-21st
- Gymnastics Camp: July 18th-21st
- Warrior Basketball Camp: July 18th-21st
- Tennis Camp (ages 9-14): July 25th-28th
- Flag Football Camp: July 25th-27th
- Fitness Camp: July 25th- 28th
- Summer Fun Spectacular: August 1st-5th
- Drama Camp: August 1st-5th

All Star Cheerleading

Mondays: August 1st-29th
6:30-7:30 PM
\$25 Residents
\$30 Non-Residents

Crafty Kids

Thursdays, August 4th-25th

Karate

Tuesdays & Thursdays
7 PM Beginners
8 PM Intermediate/Advanced
\$35 Resident/month
\$45 Non-resident/month

Get Fit Pass

Each pass is good for 7 sessions!
\$25 Resident \$30 Non-Resident

Zumba

Monday 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday 5:30- 6:30 PM

Sculpting & Toning

Thursday 9:00-9:50 AM

Circuit Training

Tuesday 6:00-7:00 PM

Whitley Park Music Series

The Zebulon Parks & Recreation Department hosts music concerts every September and October in Whitley Park. Bring the family and a blanket to enjoy the music in the Whitley Griswold Memorial Pavilion on a Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, September 11th from 4-6 PM
Seona McDowell performing

Athletics

Flag Football (NEW!!!)

Registration July 11th-29th
\$35 Residents
\$45 Non-Residents

Teams will meet once or twice weekly for practice for games in September-October. Play football and have fun with this new program!

Community Center Programs

Family Movie Night 7 PM

Free Movie & Popcorn
July 8th
August 12th
September 9th
October 14th

Yogi Bear
Tangled
Princess & the Frog
Coraline



Free Walking

Monday-Friday 6 AM-10 AM

Fitness Room Pass

\$10 per month Residents
\$20 per month Non-Residents

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New Playground and Restroom to open at Community Park

An exceptional new playground at the Zebulon Community Park will open in July. Children will have valuable experiences when playing in this space. Every surface of the new play equipment is designed to be played on. The components and activities of this new play system will provide kids the opportunity to explore their imagination and strengthen their bodies and minds. The routes that they will be able to take are bigger and more challenging than any playground that has been built in the Zebulon area.

The playground compliments the surrounding environment also. Nature abounds in Zebulon Community Park. Trails, creeks, gardens, and wooded areas surround the playground. In addition, a disc golf course, picnic facilities, and benches compliment the innovative play system.

Also, a new restroom has been constructed in Community Park adjacent to the playground. The building features restrooms for each gender as well as a maintenance / storage room. The restroom design features a covered entrance that gives the appearance of a covered front porch.

This playground/restroom/stream restoration project was made possible by the acquisition of a \$274,000 Community Development Block Grant. In months

to come, a trail improvement project will take place in Community Park made possible by the acquisition of an \$85,000 grant from the North Carolina Public Health Department's Physical Activity and Nutrition Branch.

Be sure to make plans to visit this new playground this summer or fall. The play experience at this new playground will provide awesome challenges for kids. Adults will quickly become kids on the very first visit.



ZEBULON YARD WASTE AND LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

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July	August	September
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January	February	March
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- The Town of Zebulon collects leaves and yard waste from Town residences every other week.
- The calendar highlights the week the leaves and yard waste in each zone will be collected. Please refer to the map on the reverse side of the page to determine the zone in which you live.

ZONE 1

ZONE 2

- Please have your yard waste at the road by **7:00 a.m. on the Monday** of the week your yard waste is scheduled for pick up.
- Do not mix yard waste with other trash items.
- Do not bag leaves or yard waste, simply leave at roadside.
- Two separate crews on different trucks will be picking up your yardwaste and leaves. Please make separate piles to avoid damage to the leaf truck.
- The Town of Zebulon does not collect grass clippings.
- Contact Phone Numbers
Public Works Department 269-5285
Town Hall 269-7455, ext. 1804
After Hours Number 831-5431

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement due to rain or snowmelt (also called stormwater runoff). The water may seep into the ground, flow in ditches or streams, or enter the storm drain system. The storm drains are what you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of your streets. The storm drains then lead to a discharge point such as an open channel or directly into Little River or one of the many natural creeks within the Town of Zebulon.

Stormwater runoff tends to pick up garbage, debris, sediment, chemicals, automotive fluids and other pollutants; stormwater runoff is relatively dirty and will harm the fish and other wildlife living in these habitats.

How to Protect Stormwater Quality

The best way to protect stormwater runoff quality is to avoid polluting in the first place. Conserve and recycle resources such as newspapers, plastic containers, glass jars, and metal cans in the residential recycling carts.

- Don't dump hazardous substances such as used oil, household chemicals, yard fertilizer, or other wastes onto pavement or into storm drains.
- Prevent excess runoff of pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides by using them properly and efficiently.
- Participate in local garbage and debris pickup days, and recycle household hazardous waste materials to prevent storm drain contamination.
- Encourage active citizen participation in stormwater protection and public group education on stormwater quality.
- Prevent sewage overflows to the creeks by diverting gutter drains away from the sanitary sewer system.

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Common household contributions to stormwater pollution:

- Vehicle drips and leaks (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluid) – particularly on paved areas
- Overuse of lawn fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides
- Pet wastes and food wastes particularly on paved areas – allows harmful bacteria and viruses to flow into natural creeks
- Incorrect disposal of paints, solvents, cleaning fluids and other chemical agents

You may recycle the following items at Wake County Convenience Center #11, 5051 Wendell Boulevard, Wendell:

Tires	Antifreeze	Oil Filters
Plastics	Paint	Batteries
Motor & Cooking Oil		Cleaning Solutions

You may dispose of the following household hazardous waste at the North Wake Multi-Material Recycling Facility, 9029 Deponie Drive, Raleigh:

Pesticides	Herbicides	Solvents
Auto Fluids	Stains	Poisons

Stormwater Volunteer Group

Citizen involvement is necessary for successful protection of our storm drainage system, creeks and Little River.

If you have questions about stormwater or want to volunteer for stormwater activities, please call Zebulon Public Works at 919/269-5285.

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Meeting Schedule

Board of Commissioners

First Monday of each month at 7:00pm
(If you wish to address the Board there is a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting)
Third Wednesday after the regular meeting is a work session at 7:00pm (if necessary)

Joint Public Hearings

Second Monday of each month at 7:00pm (if necessary) No notice is needed if you wish to speak at a public hearing

Planning Board

Second Monday immediately following the Joint Public Hearing
Fourth Monday of the month on an as needed basis

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Third Monday of the month at 7:00pm

Board of Adjustment

Last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm (if necessary)

Technical Review Committee

Last Tuesday of the month at 10:00am (if necessary)

Appeal Hearing Board

Second Thursday in February, May, August and November at 9:00am

Important Numbers

Town Manager	919/269-7455 ext 1801
Town Clerk	919/269-7455 ext 1800
Planning Department	919/269-7455 ext 1810
Finance Department	919/269-7455 ext 1804
Parks & Recreation	919/269-7455 ext 1815
Police Department (non-emergency)	919/269-7455 ext 1818
Community Center	919/823-0432
Public Works	919/269-5285
Fire Department (non-emergency)	919/269-6487
Water Billing (City of Raleigh)	919/890-3245
Fire, Police or EMS Emergency	911
General Information	919/269-7455 ext 1804
Fax Number	919/269-6200

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Town Hall Building.

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